

PROJECT REVIEW SHEET - EZ1

HISTORIC & CULTURAL RESOURCES REVIEW

Property / Client Name:	Downey Creek Bridge Extension, 11-1521
Worksite Name/Number:	Downey Creek (Worksite 1 of 1)
Funding Agency:	Rec. and Conserv. Office

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PLEASE DESCRIBE THE TYPE OF WORK TO BE COMPLETED

(Be as detailed as possible to avoid having to provide additional information)

Provide a detailed description of the proposed project:

This project proposes to restore the alluvial fan of Downey Creek by removing the existing roadway embankment and adding three 70 foot bridge spans to the existing bridge for a total span length of 325 feet. This will restore connectivity to an existing side channel, restore natural process of channel migration and side channel formation on the alluvial fan of Downey Creek, and improve connectivity between Downey Creek and the Suiattle River floodplain. This will improve Chinook salmon habitat in this relatively rare and important habitat.

Downey Creek is a highly productive tributary to the Suiattle River that in recent years has provided 20-40% of the Spring Chinook spawning in the Suiattle River basin. Due to high natural turbidity only very limited spawning occurs in the main Suiattle River, so the lower-gradient areas of large, clear water tributaries such as Downey Creek provide unique and important habitat.

The Forest Service Suiattle River Road crosses Downey Creek with a 115 foot long cast-in-place box girder bridge at milepost 20.9. The current roadway is constructed on an elevated embankment that restricts flow and channel formation across the Downey Creek alluvial fan. Immediately downstream of the bridge, Downey Creek flows into the floodplain of the Suiattle River, where it continues for approximately 1200 feet in an historic channel before entering the Suiattle River.

Describe existing project site conditions.

This site includes a Forest Service road and bridge crossing that access the upper Suiattle River basin. Downey Creek provides a unique and important habitat for Suiattle Spring Chinook salmon.

Describe any proposed ground disturbing activities. That is, will a tool(s) be used to move earth (soil, rock, gra

Several new bridge spans will be installed with heavy construction equipment so there will be extensive ground disturbing activities

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Will buildings be altered or demolished? If so please complete a DAHP Determination of Eligibility EZ2 form for each building affected by the proposed project and attach the form to your project in PRISM. <http://www.dahp.wa.gov/pages/Documents/Sites.htm>

No

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If no PRISM map, please attach a copy of the relevant portion of a 7.5 series
USGS quad map and outline the project impact area.
(USGS Quad maps are available on-line at <http://www.topozone.com>)

Worksite Location (identified with star):

Address: N/A

Township: 32N

Range: 12E

Section: 14

City:

County: Skagit, Snohomish

Latitude: 48.26

Longitude: -121.22

